

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 18. (Cancelled)

19 - 39. (Cancelled)

40. (New) A method for treating papular and pustular acne comprising topically applying a therapeutically effective amount of one or more aluminum compounds selected from the group of aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum lactate and aluminum ammonium sulfate in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form to the area of lesion of the acne.

41. (New) A method for treating papular and pustular acne consisting essentially of topically applying a therapeutically effective amount of one or more aluminum compounds selected from the group of aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum lactate and aluminum ammonium sulfate in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form to the area of the lesion of the acne, wherein the concentration of the aluminum compound ranges from about 0.05% to about 50% by weight.

42. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein the concentration of the aluminum compound ranges from about 0.05% to about 50% by weight.

43. (New) A method for treating rosacea comprising topically applying a therapeutically effective concentration of one or more aluminum compounds selected from the group consisting of aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum sulfate, aluminum lactate and

aluminum ammonium sulfate in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form to the area of lesion of the rosacea.

44. (New) The method of Claim 43, wherein the concentration of the aluminum compound ranges from about 0.05% to about 50% by weight.

45. (New) A method for treating rosacea comprising topically applying a therapeutically effective concentration of one or more bismuth compounds selected from the group consisting of bismuth subsalicylate, bismuth chloride, bismuth oxide, bismuth subcarbonate, bismuth subgallate, bismuth subsaltrate, bismuth phosphate, bismuth aluminate, bismuth salicylate, bismuth tribromophenate, bismuth dipropylacetate, bismuth citrate, bismuth subcitrate, bismuth ascorbate, bismuth subcarbonate, bismuth tartrate and colloidal bismuth subcitrate in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form to the area of lesion of the rosacea.

46. (New) The method of Claim 45, wherein the concentration of the bismuth compound ranges from about 0.05% to about 5% by weight.

47. (New) A method for treating warts comprising topically applying a therapeutically effective amount of one or more polyvalent metal compounds in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form to the area of the lesion of warts, wherein a metal compound is selected from the group consisting of aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum lactate, aluminum ammonium sulfate, bismuth subsalicylate, bismuth chloride, bismuth oxide, bismuth subcarbonate, bismuth subgallate, bismuth subsaltrate, bismuth phosphate, bismuth aluminate, bismuth tribromophenate, bismuth dipropylacetate, bismuth citrate, bismuth subcitrate, bismuth ascorbate, bismuth tartrate and colloidal bismuth subcitrate.

48. (New) The method of Claim 47, wherein the concentration of the polyvalent metal compound ranges from about 0.05% to about 50% by weight.

49. (New) A method for treating warts consisting essentially of topically applying a therapeutically effective amount of one or more polyvalent metal compounds in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form to the area of the lesion of warts, wherein a metal compound is selected from the group consisting of aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum lactate, aluminum ammonium sulfate, bismuth subsalicylate, bismuth chloride, bismuth oxide, bismuth subcarbonate, bismuth subgallate, bismuth subnitrate, bismuth phosphate, bismuth aluminate, bismuth tribromophenate, bismuth dipropylacetate, bismuth citrate, bismuth subcitrate, bismuth ascorbate, bismuth tartrate and colloidal bismuth subcitrate, wherein the concentration of the metal compound ranges from about 0.05% to about 50% by weight.